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Bible Broadcasting Network, Inc.  
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Re: Bible Broadcasting Network, Inc.  
WYBY(AM), Cortland, New York  
Facility Identification Number: 9428  
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed November 21, 2018, on behalf of Bible Broadcasting Network, Inc. ("BBN"). BBN requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate WYBY(AM) with emergency antenna facilities at night.<sup>1</sup>

In support of the request, BBN states that on November 14, 2018, nighttime phasor issues were observed rendering the nighttime phasor and/or tower ATUs inoperable. The origin of the issues remains unknown and operation into the nighttime directional array is not currently possible. Therefore, the station requests nighttime operation from the daytime tower. Specifically, WYBY(AM) requests non-directional nighttime operation at one quarter of the licensed nighttime power. Operation is proposed with a power of 0.125 kilowatt. No changes are proposed to the daytime operation.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provide for operation with emergency antenna facilities, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filled with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) states that AM stations may use a horizontal or vertical wire or a nondirectional vertical element of a directional antenna as an emergency antenna. AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna or a horizontal or vertical wire pursuant to this section, in lieu of authorized directional facilities, shall operate with power reduced to 25% or less of the nominal licensed power, or, a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth for the corresponding hours of directional operation.

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<sup>1</sup> WYBY(AM) is licensed for operation on 920 kHz with a daytime power of 1 kilowatt and a nighttime power of 0.5 kilowatt, employing a directional antenna pattern at night (DAN-U).

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WYBY(AM) may operate non-directionally from the south tower (ASRN: 1006743) of the nighttime array with a power not to exceed 0.125 kilowatt. It will be necessary to further reduce or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. BBN must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **May 25, 2019**.

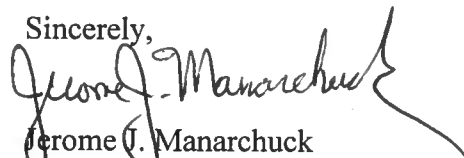
**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,



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